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H. RES. 102

Condemning the assassination of human rights advocate and outspoken defender of freedom of the press, Turkish-Armenian journalist Hrant Dink on January 19, 2007.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 29, 2007

Mr. CROWLEY (for himself, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Mr. COSTA, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. CAPUANO, Ms. WATSON, Mr. KIRK, Mr. WEINER, Mr. STARK, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. McNULTY, and Mr. PORTER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Condemning the assassination of human rights advocate and outspoken defender of freedom of the press, Turkish-Armenian journalist Hrant Dink on January 19, 2007.

Whereas, on January 19, 2007, Turkish-Armenian journalist Hrant Dink was murdered as he exited the Istanbul, Turkey, office of Agos Newspaper;

Whereas Hrant Dink was a fierce defender of the freedom of the press and speech, an outspoken advocate for democratic reform, and a champion of human rights and tolerance;

Whereas Hrant Dink was a man of conviction and principle who believed in democratic ideals and peaceful change;

Whereas, in Istanbul in 1996, Hrant Dink founded a bilingual newspaper called *Agos*, in part to foster dialogue and understanding between Armenians and Turks;

Whereas Hrant Dink was honored by his media colleagues around the world for his courage and principles and was awarded the prestigious Bjornson Prize for Literature for his publications on the Armenian Genocide;

Whereas Hrant Dink was prosecuted and convicted under Article 301 of the Turkish Penal Code for speaking about the Armenian Genocide; and

Whereas the United States was founded on the principles of democracy and liberty where freedom of expression is cherished and protected: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) strongly condemns and deplores the assass-
3 sination of Hrant Dink;

4 (2) urges the Government of Turkey to con-
5 tinue its investigation and prosecution of those indi-
6 viduals responsible for the murder of Hrant Dink;
7 and

8 (3) urges the Government of Turkey to take ap-
9 propriate action to protect the freedom of speech in
10 Turkey by repealing Article 301 of the Turkish
11 Penal Code and by unswervingly opposing intoler-
12 ance, intimidation, and violence against individuals

- 1 who are exercising their natural right of freedom of
- 2 speech.

